

NEED SHIPS TO WIN
TRADE, SAYS ROOTGreat Opportunities Lost for
Lack of Transportation.

FAVORS SHIP SUBSIDY

Tells Trans-Mississippi Congress
of South America.Land of Wondrous Wealth and
Natural Market for Our Goods—No
American Steamship Lines Beyond
the Caribbean—Best Way to Reach
the Countries is to Travel via
Europe.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 20.—The vast possibilities of trade with South America and the need of a merchant marine to reap a fair share of that trade, formed the theme of an exhaustive address delivered to-night by Secretary of State Root before the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress.

The address was a graphic presentation of the needs of an effective merchant fleet to enable the United States to compete with Europe for the commerce of the South American continent.

A considerable portion of the address was devoted to the subject of extending the American flag over the ocean highways, and an eloquent and earnest appeal was made by Secretary Root for the passage of the ship-subsidy bill presented at the last session of Congress.

Secretary Root said in part:

WEALTH IS ENORMOUS.

The population of South America in 1900 was only 42,561,281, less than six to the square mile. The density of population was less than one-eighth that in the State of Missouri, less than one-tenth that in the State of Massachusetts, less than one-seventh that in England, less than one per cent of that in Belgium.

"With this sparse population the production of wealth is already enormous. The latest trade statistics show exports from South America to foreign countries of \$745,530,000, and imports of \$109,588,000. Of the five hundred million of goods that South America buys we sell them but \$83,246,535, or 12.6 per cent. Of the seven hundred and forty-five million that South America sells we buy \$182,002,000, or 26.2 per cent, nearly two and a half times as much as we sell.

"The production is increasing by leaps and bounds. In eleven years the exports of Chile have increased forty-five per cent from \$54,030,000, in 1894, to \$78,849,000, in 1905. In eight years the exports of Peru have increased 100 per cent from \$18,896,000, in 1897, to \$37,792,000, in 1905. In ten years the exports of Brazil have increased 66 per cent from \$124,062,000, in 1894, to \$205,920,000, in 1904. In ten years the exports of Argentina have increased 158 per cent from \$115,868,000, in 1895, to \$231,544,000, in 1905.

TWO CONTINENTS CONTRASTED.

"The material resources of South America are in some important respects complementary to our own; that continent is weakest where North America is strongest as a field for manufactures; it has comparatively little coal and iron. In many respects the people of the two continents are complementary to each other; the South American is polite, refined, cultivated, fond of literature, and of expression of the graces and charms of life, while the North American is strenuous, intense, utilitarian.

"Where we accumulate, they spend. While we have less of the cheerful philosophy which finds sources of happiness in the existing conditions of life, they have less of the inventive faculty which strives continually to increase the productive power of man and lower the cost of manufacture. The chief merits of the people of the two continents are different; their chief defects are different.

"Mutual intercourse and knowledge cannot fail to greatly benefit both; each can learn from the other; each can teach much to the other; and each can contribute greatly to the development and prosperity of the other. A large part of their products find no domestic competition here; a large part of our products will find no domestic competition there. The typical conditions exist for that kind of trade which is profitable, honorable, and beneficial to both parties.

NO STEAMSHIP LINES TO U. S.

"It is absolutely essential that the means of communication between the two continents should be improved and increased.

"This underlies all other considerations, and it applies both to the mail, the passenger, and the freight service. Between all the principal South American ports and England, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, lines of swift and commodious steamers ply regularly. There are five daily first-class mail and passenger lines between Buenos Ayres and Europe; there is no line between Buenos Ayres and the United States. Within the past two years the German, the English, and the Italian lines have been replacing their old steamers with new and swifter steamers of modern construction, accommodation, and capacity.

"In the year ended June 30, 1905, there entered the port of Rio de Janeiro steamers and sailing vessels flying the flag of Austria-Hungary 130, of Norway 145, of Italy 155, of Argentina 254, of France 260, of Germany 657, of Great Britain 1,735, of the United States no steamers and seven sailing vessels, two of which were in distress.

NOT ONE STEAMER BEYOND CARIBBEAN.

"An English firm runs a small steamer monthly between New York and Rio de Janeiro; the Panama Railroad Company runs steamers between New York and the Isthmus of Panama; the Brazilians are starting for themselves a line between Rio and New York. That is the sum total of American communications with South America beyond the Caribbean Sea. Not one American steamship runs to any South American port beyond the Caribbean.

"During the past summer I entered the ports of Para, Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo, Buenos Ayres, Bahia Blanca, Punta Arenas, Lata, Valparaiso, Coquimbo, Tocopilla, Callao.

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A la Carte Lunch Served Daily at Eckstein's from 12 to 3, 1412 N. Y. ave.

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FLEEING, SHE DROWNS

Girl Escapes from Prison and
Tries to Swim a Mile.

COMPANION FOUND IN STREAM

Two Children in Mad Dash for Liberty
from House of Refuge Attempt
to Cross Wide Tideway and Are
Caught in Ice Water—One Is Rescued,
but Probably Will Die.

New York, Nov. 20.—In a desperate effort to escape from the Municipal House of Refuge on Randall's Island in the dark of night, a young girl, Ina Williams, was drowned in the Bronx Kills, a tidal way a mile wide, that flows between Randall's Island and the mainland.

Another girl, Rosa Frank, was found by a boatman in midstream. She was swimming feebly, but lost consciousness on the way to Lincoln Hospital and may die from exposure. The girls, neither of whom was fifteen years old, tried to swim the distance.

The body of the Williams girl was discovered close to the Bronx shore, at the foot of Brooke avenue. Knowing that she did not live in the vicinity, the police surmised that she had tried to escape from Randall's Island. The body was taken there and identified by the attendants.

An investigation disclosed the disappearance of the other girl, Rosa Frank, and from inquiries among the other children it was discovered that the two had planned to escape from the island by swimming across the water.

At this season of the year the water in the East River and lower Sound, which backs through the Bronx Kills, is so cold that the strongest men can swim in it only for a brief time.

The escape of the girls and the subsequent drowning of one caused an immediate investigation.

WANT A FAVOR? ASK FOR IT.

Maryland Citizen Finds the Govern-
ment Most Obliging.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 20.—If you don't see what you want, ask Secretary of State Tilden, and then sit back and wait for it. It will come to you.

A resident of St. Michaels, who has for years been able to get his clock and go to bed by the booming of the 9:30 p. m. train, has been unable to hear it regularly, and being an acquaintance of Secretary of State Tilden, recently wrote to the latter inquiring the cause. The Secretary of State turned the letter over to the Naval Academy, superintendent of the Naval Academy, and here is how the admiral explains the matter:

Sir—Referring to your letter of November 17, 1906, enclosing letter from Mr. —, I have to inform you that the 9:30 p. m. train is fired from the U. S. S. Hartford, and the difficulty in hearing it has been caused by the direction of the wind.

Orders have been issued to have the gun pointed down the bay, and it is hoped that it will have sufficient volume of sound to be heard at St. Michaels.

There is no larger gun at this station available.

4. Hoping that this may be satisfactory, and meet the wishes of Mr. —, I am, very truly,

JAMES C. SAND,
Rear Admiral U. S. Navy, Superintendent.

If there are any more residents of St. Michaels who have requests to file, do so early and avoid the rush.

PEARY AT ST. GEORGE'S BAY.

Seeks Refuge from Weather and
Takes on Supply of Coal.

Sydney, Nov. 20.—Commodore Peary's Arctic steamer, Roosevelt, is now weather-bound in St. George's Bay, Newfoundland. She has been there since last Saturday, and has taken on a further supply of coal.

Stories tending to show that the crew of the Roosevelt mutinied in the far North on account of poor food and arctic privations, are not credited here. Every member of the crew is an old arctic sailor, and all are said to be well paid. The Roosevelt was to leave St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, to-day at noon. St. George's Bay is 230 miles from Sydney.

IN ALMSHOUSE 71 YEARS.

Lizzie Gibbons Refuses to Leave
County Institution.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 20.—Lizzie Gibbons, aged seventy-eight, died here to-day in the county almshouse. The remarkable feature in connection with her death is the fact that she was in the above institution for seventy-one years. Her parents were born in the almshouse at St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, to-day at noon. St. George's Bay is 230 miles from Sydney.

Victim of Fused Dies.

Passaic, N. J., Nov. 20.—Benjamin Corlotti, of this city, died at the General Hospital to-night, after a street quarrel in which he was shot twice by Clinton Bellito, of Clifton. A feud has existed between the men's families for a long time, and the shots were the result.

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IS LIVING AUTOMATON.

Wife of New York Scenic Artist Ex-
ists Curled Up Like a Cat.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 20.—A sheriff's jury, in charge of three commissioners appointed by County Judge Platt, to-day declared Mrs. Marie S. Gros, the young wife of Ernest M. Gros, the well-known scenic artist for a number of Broadway theaters, insane and incompetent to manage her estate.

Dr. Schmidt testified that Mrs. Gros is like a living automaton, and that she is utterly void of any brain at the present time. She lies in bed day and night, curled up like a cat, and at times she makes a noise like a wild animal. Dr. Schmidt said that she is suffering from progressive dementia, and that she is slowly dying from the disease.

Mrs. Gros has been an inmate of St. Vincent's Retreat at Harrison, on the Sound, for several years. When she was first committed there she imagined that she had millions of dollars, and wanted to give it away. She owns a large country residence at Yonkers.

CABIN PASSENGER IS LONELY

Liner La Bretagne Sets Unique
Record on Trip Just Ended.One Couple in Her Saloon and a Sole
Traveler in the Second Cabin.

Twenty-four Stewards.

New York, Nov. 20.—What was said to be the first instance of its kind in the annals of modern transatlantic service was noted this morning on board the French Line steamship La Bretagne, which arrived here from Cherbourg with two passengers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbons, of Philadelphia, in the first cabin, and one passenger, Pierre Larraurie, in the second saloon. There were, however, 1,055 passengers in the steerage.

For a time Mr. Gibbons said he and his wife could not grasp the fact that they were entirely lords of all they surveyed, but when they became used to it the situation was not half bad. They had the run of all the ship, and in addition they had at their beck and call twenty-four stewards, a purser, a chief steward, three stewardesses, and all the other ship's officers.

When the question of tips was broached Mr. Gibbons looked pained, and turned the subject. Evidently it was the one fly in the ointment, although he would not say so. What he entirely unique, and that it required no great stretch of imagination to pretend they were potentates of fabulous wealth and power cruising in their ship of state, so to speak.

The ship's concert had to be given up, for, although Mrs. Gibbons has a good voice, it was found that the musical talent among the officers was confined to a fiddler and a baritone who could warble chansons.

KOREA MORE PIOUS THAN U. S.

Shows 21 Per Cent Gain in Converts,
Against 3 Here.

The Presbytery of Washington held a public service to commemorate the centennial of foreign missions established by the Presbyterian Church, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church last night.

"Forward Missionary Movement" was the topic of a brilliant address delivered by the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Presbytery board of foreign missions.

Dr. Brown referred to the increased number of converts to Christianity in the Orient, and the determined efforts of the missionaries to carry on their good work in spite of all opposition. Particularly great advances are noted in Korea, where the per cent of gain for the last year was 21 per cent, compared with 3 per cent in the United States. The same conditions exist in China.

WANTS TO CURB TILLMAN.

Mayor Dunne Will Ask that Race
Question Be Ignored.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Mayor Dunne to-day promised a delegation of negro citizens that he would consult with the women in charge of the lecture in Orchestra Hall by Senator Tillman next Tuesday evening, in an effort to induce the Senator not to touch upon the race question in his lecture. This may result in the refusal of the Senator to speak on that occasion. The members of the committee, which consisted of negro preachers, lawyers, and business men, told the mayor that Senator Tillman could not speak without "abusing the colored race," and some of them wanted him prevented from lecturing here at all.

Woman Murdered for Her Money.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 20.—With her throat cut, Mrs. Tinsley Morgan, an aged white woman, was found dead in her home near Gaffney, S. C., this afternoon. Robbery was the motive for the crime, as she was known to have had a large sum of money in the house. Tom Harris, a white man, was arrested to-night. He had \$500 on his person, which he was unable satisfactorily to account for. He is being held on suspicion.

Wide Boards, \$2 Per 100 ft.

Lumber Trust Broken.

Libbey & Co., 6th st. and N. Y. ave.

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THE LADIES, UP STAIRS.

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